



## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. Vito Cannella  
Ms. Rita Hall  
Mr. John A. Hammargren  
Mr. Carl E. Moore

### **MINUTES OF THE** **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **MARCH 26, 2008**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

#### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Chair Montañó led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Present**

Chair Eleanor R. Montañó  
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos  
Frank Bacio  
Vito Cannella  
Rita Hall  
John A. Hammargren  
Carl E. Moore

##### **Staff**

Sandra Barbee, Chief, Commission Services  
Andrew Sevrin, Commission Services Staff  
Garen Khachian, Commission Services Staff

#### **APPROVAL OF MARCH 19, 2008 MEETING MINUTES**

**On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Vice Chair Stathatos, and unanimously carried, the minutes of March 19, 2008 were approved, with the following changes:**

- On page 2, under "Sheriff's Department", Captain Warren Asmus' report, add progress report on Long Beach Courthouse floor...

- On page 3, under “Department of Auditor-Controller”, Ms. Carla Carr’s report, “Childrens’ Home of Southern California”, add “*on Valerio Street*”...
- On page 3, under “Department of Children and Family Services”, Ms. Elizabeth Howard’s report, add Ms. Howard’s offer to send the DCFS inspection schedule to the Commission ...

Commissioner Moore joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

### **CHAIR’S REPORT**

Chair Montaño reported on several articles:

- “Manuel Reyes Obituary”, Los Angeles Times, March 7, 2008, regarding the passing of a defendant in the Sleepy Lagoon case who was unjustly convicted.
- “County Studies New Jail Plans”, Daily Breeze, March 13, 2008, regarding the demolition and rebuilding of Sybil Brand Institution, the expansion at Pitchess Detention Center, and for the modification of Mira Loma Detention Center.
- “Sheriff’s Supervisors Face Misconduct Probe”, Los Angeles Times, March 22, 2008, regarding an inmate who was injured in custody with a taser.
- “Help Mama Hill to Care for Kids In Need”, Daily Breeze, March 26, 2008, regarding Millicent Hill and her program Mama Hill’s Help, which has helped children for the past 8 years.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission’s Charitable Fund is \$1,118.23.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Andrew Sevrin, Staff, Commission Services gave the following report:

- The e-mail sent from Teresa Arevalo from Department of Children and Family Services was distributed to the Commission. The e-mail was a response to their inquiry into Harbor View Group Home’s difficulty in receiving payment from DCFS and the Probation Department.

**On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Hall, the Commission unanimously approved drafting an e-mail to Ms. Arevalo regarding the Probation Department’s failure to submit their PROB 667 in time for payment.**

- The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Commissioners’ Leadership Conference is scheduled for May 21, 2008, and the Commission is invited to attend.

- The letter from the Commission requesting Director Robert Taylor of the Probation Department to send a representative to the next Business Meeting was signed by Chair Montaño and shown to the Commission.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Chair Montaño read a letter from Commander Dennis Conte of the Sheriff's Department thanking the Commission for their kind letter commending Captain Robert Olmstead of Men's Central Jail.

### **FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM MARCH 19, 2008 TO MARCH 25, 2008**

#### **GLASS Home (Williams St) – 24, #1 – Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore**

The facility was visited on March 20, 2008, and found to be in outstanding condition.

#### **Optimist Boys Home – 44, #3 – Commissioner Stathatos**

The facility was visited on March 20, 2008, and could not be inspected because it was locked down.

#### **Sandhill Group Home Inc. – 53, #4 – Commissioners Hammargren and Montaño**

The facility was visited on March 24, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

### **NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Commission asked Ms. Barbee if it was possible for Staff to sort the Inspection Directory by District and/or Zip Code. Ms. Barbee agreed to meet with Staff to determine feasibility.

### **MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)**

Commissioner Hammargren proposed the Commission and Staff begin making arrangements towards planning two scholarships to be discussed at the next meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Cannella thanked the Commission for their support in attending his scroll presentation at the Board of Supervisors' meeting on March 25, 2008.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Montaño adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrew Sevrin*  
Commission Services Division